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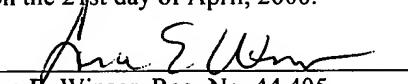
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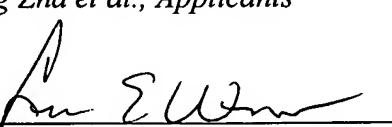
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A check for \$180.00 is enclosed. If the fee required differs from the amount enclosed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment to or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART IV: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The non-English language references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) were previously submitted with a concise explanation of their relevance and an English language abstract on an information disclosure statement filed on April 7, 2006. These non-English language references are being submitted herewith with their English language translations.

PART V: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

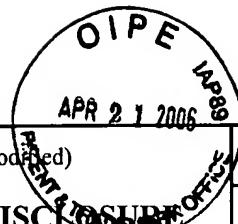
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		Number	Kind Code		
		*5,575,963		Soffer et al.	11-19-1996

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document (not necessary)	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Translation (Y/N)
		Office/ Country	Number	Kind Code			
		JP	S63-38884		Asahi Chemical Industry Co. Ltd.	07-05-1986	Y
		JP	63-143905		Toshiba Corp.	06-16-1988	Y
		JP	04-250898		Yanmar Diesel Engine Co. Ltd.	09-07-1992	Y
		JP	06-343837		Ebara Infilco Co. Ltd.	12-20-1994	Y
		JP	07-024272		Mitsubishi Rayon Co. Ltd.	01-27-1995	Y
		JP	07-185268		Toray Ind. Inc.	07-25-1995	Y

**OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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